GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES SUFFERED BY REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of refineries which caught fire alongwith loss suffered during each of the last three years;

(b) the name of refineries opened or closed during the above period; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to save the oil refineries from such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) &(b): Visakh Refinery caught fire on 14.9.1997 resulting in suffering of loss of Rs.72 crores and shutdown of the refinery from 14.9.1997 to 15.2.1998. However, there were incidents of fire in some of the units of the refineries in the last 3 years.

(c) All fire incidents are investigated by multi-disciplinary teams and remedial measures as recommended are implemented in a time bound manner.

Adequate measures are adopted for safety of the plant and operating personnel as per the prescribed Oil Industry Safety Directorate(OISD) standards.